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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 2, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising a semiconductor substrate, and aluminum conductors formed in a plurality of layers on a side of a main face of the substrate which aluminum conductors comprise aluminum as a main constituent thereof, said aluminum conductors containing copper and nickel.

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